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SUBJECT: ISRAELI ACTIONS IN THE GULF OF SUEZ

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DATT AND ALUSNA MET WITH CHIEF OF EXTERNAL RELATIONS AND THE DIRECTOR OF NAVAL INTELLIGENCE (DNI) AT 1300 TODAY IN ORDER TO DETERMINE WHETHER INCIDENTS REPORTED IN REF TELEGRAM HAD OCCURRED. THE DNI STATED THAT HE HAD NO INFORMATION THAT ANY SUCH INCIDENTS HAD OCCURRED, AND WAS FAIRLY CERTAIN THAT THEY HAD NOT, BUT HE SAID HE WOULD DOUBLE CHECK WITH THE AT TOR COMMAND AND LET US KNOW. AT 1445 AN OFFICER IN THE OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF EXTERNAL RELATIONS CALLED DATT AND CONFIRMED THAT NO INCIDENTS HAD OCCURRED ON EITHER SUNDAY, SEPTMEBER 5 OR MONDAY, SEPTMEBER 6. DATT QUERIED WHETHER THE COMMANDERS OF THE INDIVIDUAL BOATS HAD BEEN QUESTIONED TO WHICH THE REPLY WAS "HE DID NOT HAVE THAT INFORMATION". IN ORDER TO BE ABSOLUTELY CERTAIN ALUSNA THEN TELEPHONED THE DNI TO DETERMINE IF A THOROUGH INVESTIGATION HAD BEEN MADE. THE DNI EMPHATICALLY STATED THAT ALL PERTINENT COMMANDS HAD BEEN QUESTIONED AND THAT HE WAS CONVINCED NO INCIDENTS HAD OCCURRED ON EITHER OF THE TWO DAYS IN QUESTION.

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